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1. WE TRANSMITTED THE DETAILS OF THE USG POSITION DESCRIBED IN THE REFTEL TO SOAMES' CHIEF OF CABINET HANNAY AND LARDINOIS' CHIEF OF CABINET WIJNMAALEN. WE ALSO HAD AN OCCASION TO DISCUSS IT SEPARATELY WITH ARBOT AND WITH THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, FIELDING. WIJNMAALEN TOOK WRITTEN NOTE OF OUR COMMENTS BUT MADE NONE HIMSELF, NOR DID FIELDING. AFTER THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE BOTH HANNAY AND RABOT OBSERVED, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THE REASON PROMPTING THE USG TO TAKE THE MATTER TO GATT IS THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE DRAFT MIXING REGULATION. RABOT SAID, IN ADDITION, THAT IF THE COMMUNITY HAS TO PAY FOR IT IN THE GATT, THEN SO BE IT. HE ADDED IN A CONFIDENTIAL, INFORMAL ASIDE THAT THE PROPOSED SHORT-TERM MIXING REGULATION IN HIS OPINION WOULD NOT RESOLVE THE NFDM SURPLUS PROBLEM, WHICH WILL BE AROUND FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO COME.

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2. THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY TO THE EC GAVE US A COPY OF ITS FEB 26
NOTE, WHICH EXPRESSED ITS GRAVE PREOCCUPATION TO THE COMMISSION
OVER THE PROPOSAL TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THIRD COUNTRIES'
SALES AS A SOLUTION TO THE NFDM PROBLEM. THE NOTE SAID THAT THE
PROPOSAL WOULD IMPAIR ITS GATT BINDINGS AND WAS INCOMPATIBLE
WITH THE GATT, IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE III. ARGENTINIAN EXPORTS
OF OIL CAKE, MEAL AND PELLETS TO THE EC IN 1974 EXCEEDED \$30
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